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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	PHASE SHIFTER, PHASE SHIFTING METHOD AND SKEW COMPENSATION SYSTEM FOR HIGH-SPEED PARALLEL SIGNALING				

Enclosed are:

- ☑ 11 sheets of □ formal □ informal drawings.
- Transmittal of Japanese app. 2002-371302 to claim priority date of December 24, 2002.
- An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Hybrid Network Co., Ltd.
- □ A Preliminary Amendment
- An Executed Declaration.
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